

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Chart Riggall	Team: Squad #4	CCRB Case #: 201805020	<input type="checkbox"/> Force	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Sunday, 06/10/2018 1:25 AM	Location of Incident: Boston Road and Astor Avenue	Precinct: 49	18 Mo. SOL 12/10/2019	EO SOL 12/10/2019	
Date/Time CV Reported Fri, 06/22/2018 2:21 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Fri, 06/22/2018 2:21 PM		

Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address

Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command
1. POM Gurmeet Singh	27660	948427	049 PCT

Witness Officer(s)	Shield No	Tax No	Cmd Name
1. POF Arlene Alvarez	03346	963373	049 PCT
2. SGT Arthur Galo	02953	938522	049 PCT

Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation
A.POM Gurmeet Singh	Discourtesy: Police Officer Gurmeet Singh acted discourteously toward § 87(2)(b)	
B.POM Gurmeet Singh	Abuse: Police Officer Gurmeet Singh threatened to seize § 87(2)(b)'s property.	

Case Summary

On June 22, 2018, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB by phone.

On June 10, 2018, at approximately 1:25 AM, in the vicinity of Boston Road and Waring Avenue in the Bronx, PO Gurmeet Singh and PO Arlene Alvarez stopped § 87(2)(b) vehicle. After issuing summonses to § 87(2)(b) PO Singh allegedly threw § 87(2)(b) driver's license through the vehicle's window (**Allegation A: Discourtesy**, § 87(2)(g)) PO Singh threatened to seize § 87(2)(b) vehicle for not moving his car at the conclusion of the traffic stop (**Allegation B: Abuse of Authority**, § 87(2)(g)). § 87(2)(b) was issued two summonses, for inadequate headlamps and operating without insurance (BR 01).

There was no known video footage of this incident.

Findings and Recommendations

Allegation (A) Discourtesy: Police Officer Gurmeet Singh acted discourteously toward

§ 87(2)(b)

Allegation (B) Abuse of Authority: Police Officer Gurmeet Singh threatened to seize § 87(2)(b) property.

It is undisputed that PO Singh and PO Alvarez stopped § 87(2)(b) vehicle and that PO Singh issued § 87(2)(b) two summonses for a broken headlight and for operating a vehicle without insurance. After PO Singh gave § 87(2)(b) his summonses, § 87(2)(b) remained parked directly in front of the officers while he looked for his driver's license. PO Singh used the loudspeaker of his vehicle to command § 87(2)(b) to move his car, or else it would be removed to the stationhouse. After leaving the traffic stop, § 87(2)(b) still could not locate his driver's license and called 911 to report that the officers had not returned it to him.

§ 87(2)(b) (BR 02) said that after he received his summonses from PO Singh and was preparing to leave the scene, he could not find his driver's license. He began waving his hand out of his window to get the officers' attention, who were still parked behind him. He then heard a siren blast and PO Singh saying over the loudspeaker, "Get out of the way! If you don't move, I'm going to tow your car to the precinct!" § 87(2)(b) eventually complied, and immediately dialed 911 to report that PO Singh had not returned his license. § 87(2)(b) waited on the opposite side of Boston Road from where he had been stopped, looking for his license. He eventually found it on the floor in the back seat of his car.

§ 87(2)(b) stated that he reviewed footage from four cameras that are positioned in the interior of his car, which depicted PO Singh throwing § 87(2)(b) driver's license in to his car, through the rear drivers-side window, after he handed § 87(2)(b) his summonses. To date, § 87(2)(b) has not provided this footage.

PO Singh (BR 03) said that throughout the car stop, § 87(2)(b) had made several attempts to get out of the car and examine the defective headlight. Each time, PO Singh instructed § 87(2)(b) that he needed to move his car to a safe portion of the road, as the location where they were stopped was in the middle of a traffic lane. He handed § 87(2)(b) summonses, license, and registration to him in a single stack. He denied throwing § 87(2)(b) license in to § 87(2)(b) car. When he issued § 87(2)(b) his summonses and the officers returned to their vehicle, § 87(2)(b) did not move his car. PO Singh called out of his window, telling § 87(2)(b) to move, at which point § 87(2)(b) waved his hand out of his own window. PO Singh then used the loudspeaker to tell § 87(2)(b) that if he did not move, his car would be taken to the stationhouse. § 87(2)(b) complied and drove away.

PO Alvarez's testimony (BR 04) was consistent with that of PO Singh, though she did not recall PO Singh saying that he would take § 87(2)(b) car to the stationhouse. She denied that PO Singh threw § 87(2)(b) license in to his car, or doing so herself. She further noted that § 87(2)(b) car was blocking the officers from leaving the scene themselves. When she and PO Singh returned to Boston Road after § 87(2)(b) called 911, she observed him find his license on the floor of his vehicle, between the driver's seat and the door.

New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 32, §1204, states that when a police officer finds a vehicle parked in such a way that it is an obstruction to traffic, "such officer is hereby authorized to move such vehicle, or require the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle" to do so (BR 05).

§ 87(2)(g)

Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is the first CCRB complaint to which § 87(2)(b) has been a party (BR 06).
- PO Singh has been a member of service for nine years and has been a subject in two prior complaints with three allegations, none of which were substantiated. § 87(2)(g)

Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- This case was sent to the mediation unit on July 3, 2018 and returned on September 24, 2018.
- On November 19, 2018, a FOIL request was sent to the New York City Comptroller's office. The results will be added to the case file upon receipt.

§ 87(2)(b) [§§ 86(1)(3)&(4)] [§ 87(2)(c)]

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